

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

January 26, 2023

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden:

We write to respectfully ask that you grant Monterey County's request for additional disaster relief to cover Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assistance categories C through G. We thank you for your approval of disaster assistance for Monterey County for categories A and B, which cover debris removal and emergency protective measures, in addition to individual assistance for our constituents. The county has experienced serious damages to public infrastructure that necessitates coverage of permanent repairs to roads and bridges, water control facilities, buildings and equipment, utilities, and parks and recreation.

At this time, Monterey County estimates at least \$40 million in damages to public infrastructure, including \$20 million that will require permanent repairs. The county's preliminary repair cost estimates for several specific public infrastructure assets, include, but are not limited to, an estimated \$3.5 million for stabilization of the Nacimiento Plunge Pool Slope, \$3 million to repair the Scenic Road slip out, \$2.5 million for Nacimiento Reservoir repairs, \$1.5 million Salinas River Lagoon Levee access road repairs, and \$1 million each for repairs for Hartnell Road and the Nacimiento Hydro-plant access road.

Data collection efforts for category C through G damages are ongoing as many locations, particularly in Southern Monterey County, have remained inaccessible and require more extensive analysis to estimate accurate repair costs. Various other water resources, roads, and parks are expected to require millions of dollars in permanent repairs.

Amending your recent disaster declaration to include FEMA assistance categories C through G would enable our local governments to access additional resources to repair and rebuild our public infrastructure to be more resilient for the future.

Thank you for your continued attention and support of our constituents during their recovery.

Sincerely,



Jimmy Panetta
Member of Congress



Zoe Lofgren
Member of Congress